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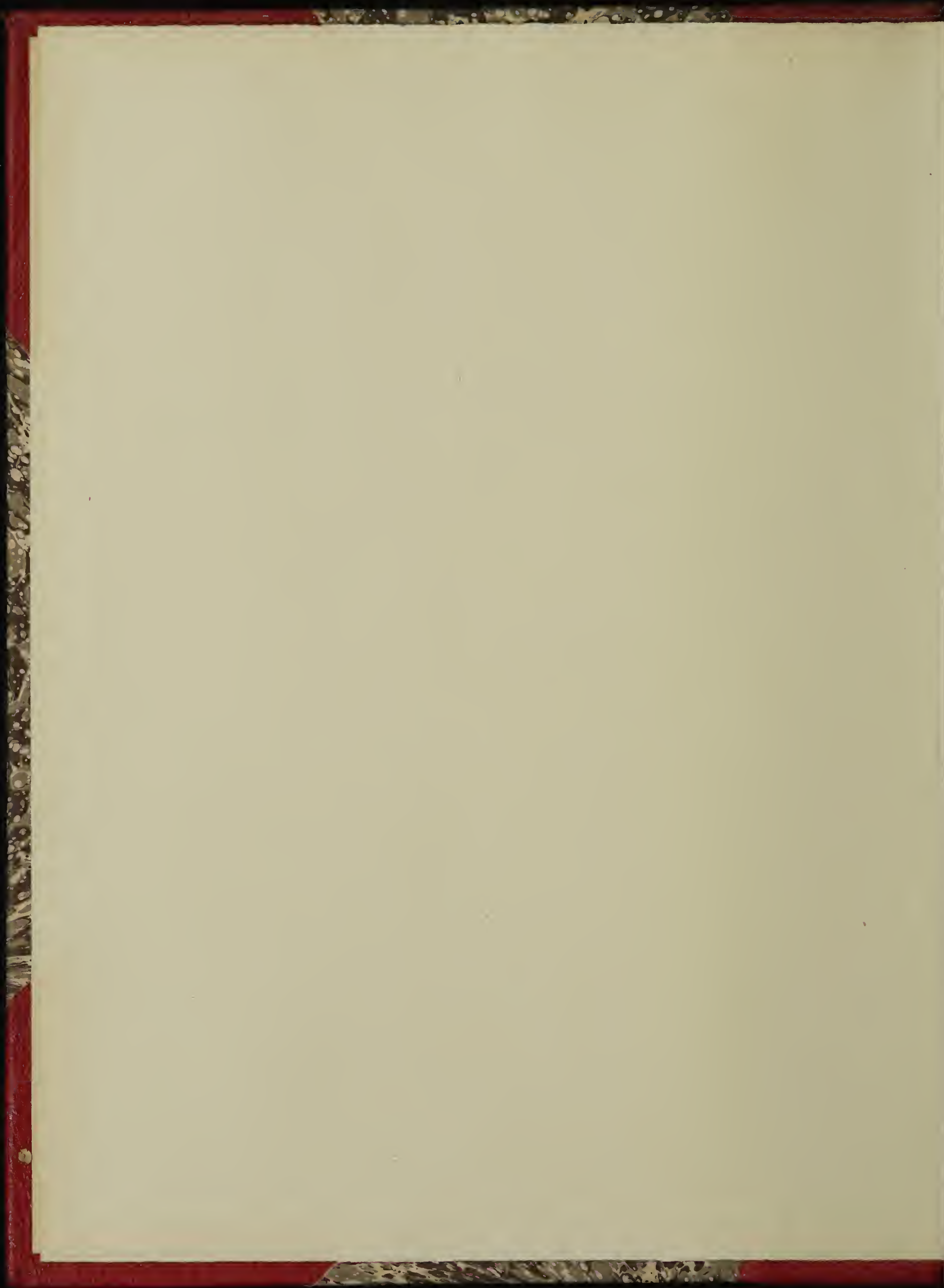


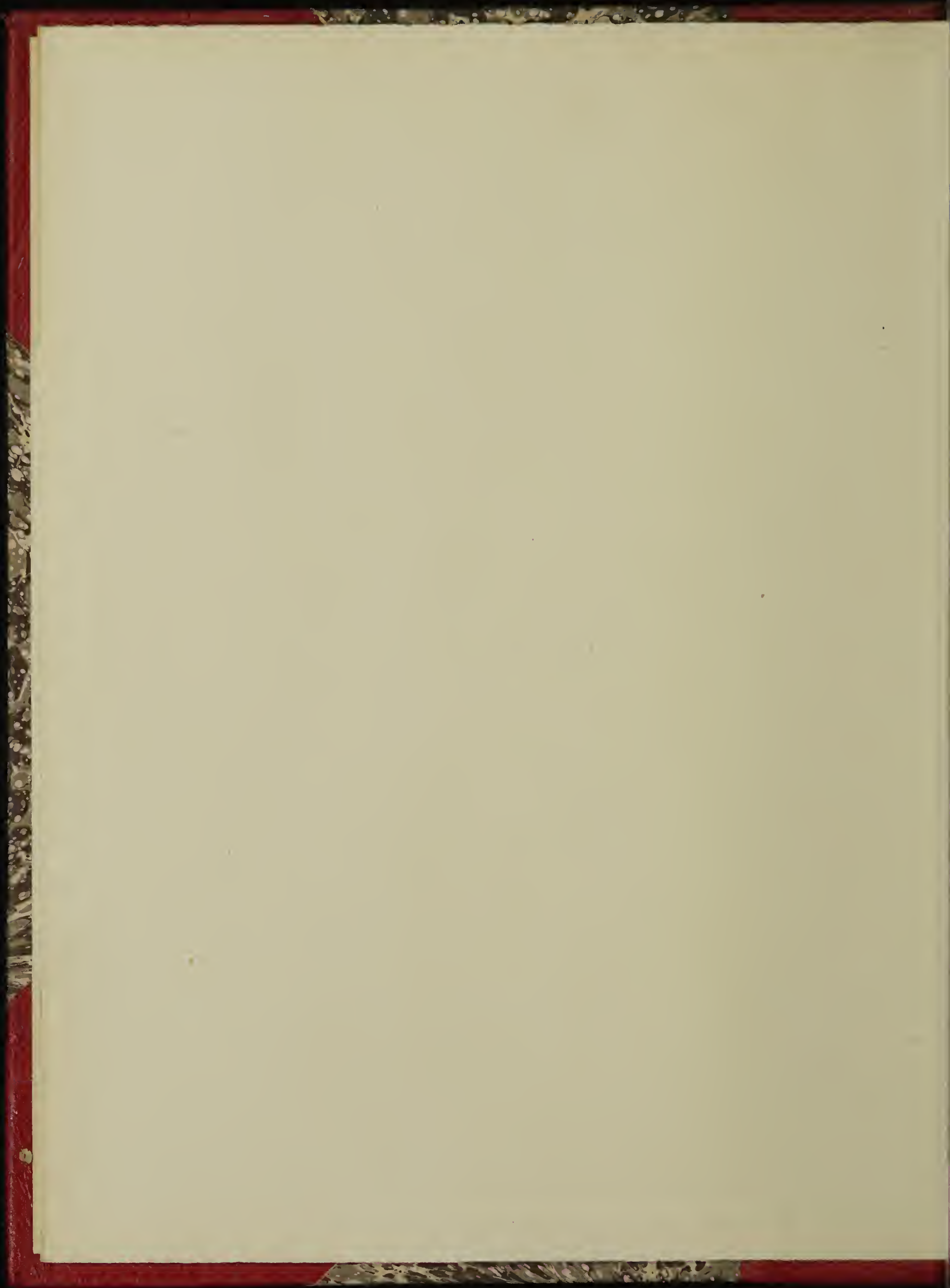


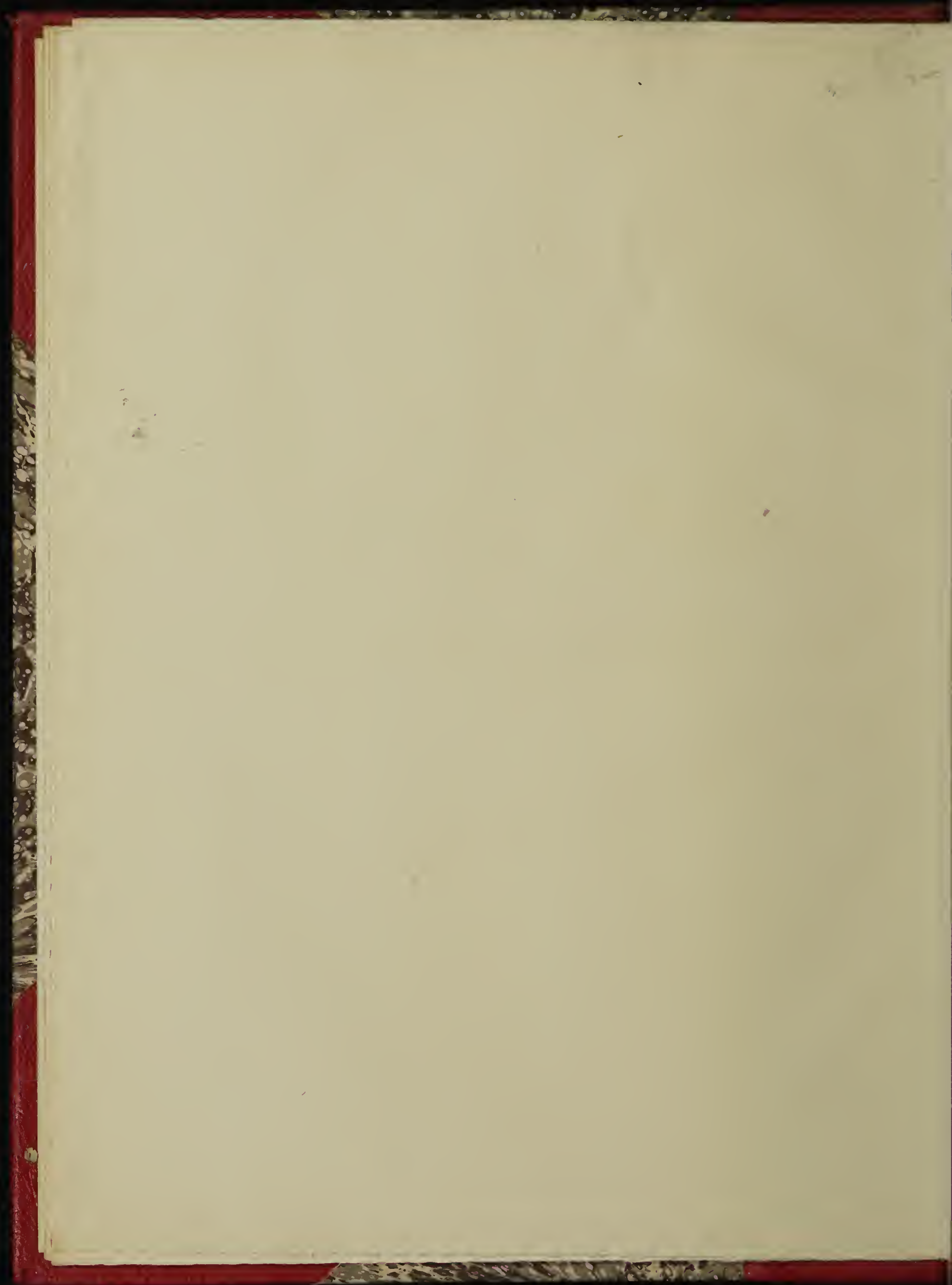


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A F O R M
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COMMON PRAYER
WITH

Thanksgiving to GOD,

For Asswaging the late

Contagion and Pestilence,

To be used

On Tuesday the 20th of this instant November,

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UPon the Sunday before the day of Thanksgiv-
ing, immediately after the Nicene Creed,
the Minister shall give the people warning of
it: And earnestly exhort them to express their thank-
fulness to Almighty God, and due sence of his great
mercy and deliverance vouchsafed unto them.





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M O R N I N G P R A Y E R.

¶ Let him that Ministreth read with a loud voice these Sentences of Scripture, and then say the Exhortation that followeth.

When the wicked man turneth away from ^{Ez.k.} his wickedness that he hath committed, ^{18.27.} and doth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

To the Lord our God belong mercies, and sor- ^{Dan. 9.9,} giveness, though we have rebelled against him: ^{10.} neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us.

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the
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face of Almighty God our heavenly Father, but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart, to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me.

¶ The Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.

A Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu

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Iesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ The Absolution to be pronounced by the Priest alone standing; the People still kneeling.

A Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, and hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy, through Iesus Christ our Lord.

¶ The People shall answer here, and at the end of all other Prayers, Amen.

¶ Then shall the Minister kneel, and begin the Lords Prayer; the People also repeating it with him.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be

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be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

¶ Then likewise he shall say,
O Lord open thou our lips.

Answer.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest.

O God, make speed to save us.

Answer.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

¶ Here all standing up, the Priest shall say,
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the holy Ghost;

Answer.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Priest.

Praise ye the Lord.

Answer.

The Lords Name be praised.

Venite, exultemus Domino.

O Come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoyce in the strength of our salvation.

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Let us come befoze his pzeſence with thank-
giving : and ſhew our ſelves glad in him with
Pſalms.

For the Lord is a great God : and a great King
abobe all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth :
and the ſtrength of the hills is his alſo.

The ſea is his, and he made it : and his hands
prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worſhip, and fall down : and
kneel befoze the Lord our Maker :

For he is the Lord our God : and we are the peo-
ple of his paſture, and the ſheep of his hand.

To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not
your hearts, as in the probocation, and as in the
day of temptation in the wilderneſs.

When your Fathers tempted me : probed me,
and ſaw my works.

Fourty years long was I grieved with this ge-
neration, and ſaid : It is a people that do err in
their hearts, for they have not known my ways.

Unto whom I ſware in my wrath : that they
ſhould not enter into my reſt.

Glozy be to the Father, and to the Son : and to
the holy Ghoſt ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and eber
ſhall be : world without end. Amen.

¶ Proper Pſalms.

I will magnifie thee, O Lord, &c.

Pſal. 30.

Praife the Lord, O my ſoul, &c.

Pſal. 103.

I am well pleaſed, &c.

Pſal. 116.

The firſt Leſſon is Iſaiah 38.

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Te Deum Laudamus.

WE praise thee, O God: we acknowledge
thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee: the Father
everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens, and
all the powers therein.

To thee Cherubin, and Seraphin: continually
do cry,

Holy, holy, holy: Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven, and earth are full of the Majesty: of
thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise
thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise
thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world:
doth acknowledge thee,

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true: and onely Son;

Also the holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory: O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man:
thou didst not abhor the Virgins womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of
death: thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to
all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the
glory of the Father.

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We belieue, that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee help thy seruants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbred with thy Saints : in glory euerlasting.

O Lord save thy people : and bless thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for euer.

Day by day : we magnifie thee.

And we worship thy Name : euer world without end.

Touchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

The second Lesson is, St John 5. to the 15. verse.

O Be ioyful in the Lord all ye lands : serue the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure, that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we our selues ; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

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For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

¶ Then shall be said the Creed by the Minister, and the people standing.

I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his onely Son our Lord, who was conceived by the holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into Hell; The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into Heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

¶ And after that, these prayers following, all devoutly kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,

The Lord be with you.

Answer.

And with thy spirit.

Minister.

¶ Let us pray.

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Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

¶ Then the Minister, Clerks and people, shall say the Lords prayer with a loud voice.

O Our Father which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth; As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

¶ Then the Priest standing up, shall say,

O Lord shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer.

And grant us thy saluation.

Priest.

O Lord save the King.

Answer.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest.

Indue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest.

O Lord save thy people.

Answer.

And bless thine inheritance.

Priest.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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Answer.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but onely thou, O God.

Priest.

O God make clean our hearts within us.

Answer.

And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

Collects for the day.

O Lord God, who hast wounded us for our sins, and consumed us for our transgressions, by thy late heaby and dreadful visitation, and now in the midst of judgement remembryng mercy, hast redeemed our souls from the jaws of death; We offer unto thy fatherly goodness our selves, our souls and bodies, which thou hast delibered, to be a living sacrifice unto thee, always praisiug and magnifyiug thy mercies in the midst of thy Church, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We humbly acknowledge before thee, O most merciful Father, that all the punishments which are threatned in thy law, might justly have fallen upon us by reason of our manifold transgressions and hardness of heart. Yet seeing it hath pleased thee of thy tender mercy upon our weak and unworthy humiliation, to allmage the contagious sickness, wherewith we lately have been sore afflicted, and to restore the voice of joy and health into our dwellings; we offer unto thy divine Majesty, the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, lauding and magnifyiug thy glorious Name

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Name for such thy preservation and providence
over us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, who art the Author of peace and lover
of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth
our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom:
Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of
our enemies, that we surely trusting in thy de-
fence, may not fear the power of any adversaries,
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, Almighty and
Everlasting God, who hast safely brought
us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in
the same with thy mighty power, and grant that
this day we fall into no sin. neither run into any
kinde of danger; but that all our doings may be
ordered by thy governance, to do always that is
righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

In Quires and places where they sing, here follow-
eth the Anthem.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty,
King of kings, Lord of lords, the onely
Ruler of princes, who doest from thy Throne be-
hold all the dwellers upon Earth: Most heartily
we beseech thee, with thy favor, to behold our most
gracious Sovereign Lord King CHARLES,
and so replenish him with the grace of thy holy
Spirit, that he may alway incline to thy will,
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and walk in thy way : Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts, grant him in health and wealth long to live, strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies ; and finally after this life he may attain everlasting joy and felicity ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Almighty God, the Fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our gracious Queen C A T H E R I N E, Mary the Queen-Mother, James Duke of York, and all the Royal Family : Endue them with thy holy Spirit ; enrich them with thy heavenly grace ; prosper them with all happiness ; and bring them to thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels ; send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace ; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament, under our most religious and gracious King at this time assembled : That thou wouldest be pleased to

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to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honor, and welfare of our Sovereign, and his Kingdoms; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

O Almighty God, King of all kings, and Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to them that truly repent; save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; abate their pride, allwage their malice, and confound their devices; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorifie thee, who art the onely giver of all victory, through the merits of thy onely Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ This Prayer is to be read every day until---

A Almighty Lord, the Father of mercies, and God of all consolation; We thy bounden, but most unthankful people, who above all nations of the world, have seen the greatness of thy hand; have been from time to time the care of thy Providence, and Example of thy Goodness: with all humility and shame confess, that as our sins have
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surpassed the number and measure of the transgressions of our fathers, so thou hast most justly brought upon us the fruit of our own ways, by sending to us a Plague more dreadful far then any inflicted upon them: Yea in the time of thy visitation, whilst thy anger waxed hot against us, we have not returned unto our God that smote us, nor brought forth those meet fruits of repentance and humiliation, which so sharp a scourge did call for from us: but rather in the midst of that danger, did hold on the same course of carnal security, and neglect of thy Commandments. Yet thou hast not cut us off in the midst of our sins and provocations, but hast stay'd the hand of the destroying Angel, and restored to us the voice of joy and health within our dwellings. It is thy goodness and meer favour to us, that thou hast rather chosen to glorifie thy Mercy in saving us, then to magnifie thy Justice in our destruction. For this we praise thy great and holy Name, beseeching thee to continue and perfect this thy blessed work of Preservation and Deliverance. Enlarge thy favours to thy Church, our King and State, enrich them with all inward and outward Blessings, and gibe us such effectual Grace, that we looking every one of us unto the Plague of his own heart, may abhor our own corruptions, and turn from our evil ways, that thy long-suffering and forbearance may lead us to Repentance; and the prolonging of our days, may be the breaking off our sins, and the amendment of our lives. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ his sake, our Lord and onely Saviour. Amen. Then

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¶ Then shall follow this Prayer ; which shall be used continually as long as the Navy is abroad.

O Most glorious, and powerful Lord God, who alone hast spread out the heavens, and compassed the waters with bounds, until night and day come to an end; at whose command the winds blow, and who rulest the raging of the sea; Thou art terrible in all thy works of wonder, the great God to be feared above all. We therefore adore thy divine Majesty, acknowledging thy power, and imploring thy gooduels. Be pleased to receive into thine Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of thy servants that fight for us, and the Ships and Navies in which they serve: preserve them all from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy, and from every sad accident: that they may be a safeguard to our most gracious Sovereign, and his Kingdoms, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions. Help, Lord, and save them for thy mercies sake; that they may return in safety, with honour and victory, and good success, to enjoy the blessings of the land, and the fruit of their labours; and that all the inhabitants of these Islands, being blest with plenty and prosperity, peace and quietness, may serve thee our God in righteousness, and true holiness, and with a thankful remembrance of all thy mercies may ever praise and glorifie thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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¶ A General Thanksgiving.

Almighty God Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men: particularly we now desire to offer up our praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed to those thy servants, whom thou hast been pleas'd to preserve, or free from the stroke of thy dreadful plague of Pestilence: We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our dayes, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

¶ A Prayer of Saint Chrysostome.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy

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thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 Cor. 13. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Communion-Service.

¶ The Priest standing at the North-side of the Lords Table, shall say,

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily mag-
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nifie thy holy name, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Minister.

God spake these words, and said, I am the
Lord thy God: thou shalt have none other
gods but me.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts
to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt not make to thy self any graven I-
mage, nor the likeness of any thing that is in
heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the
water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down
to them, nor worship them; for I the Lord thy God
am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fa-
thers upon the children, unto the third and fourth
generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy
unto thousands in them that love me, and keep
my commandments.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts
to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy
God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guilt-
less that taketh his Name in vain.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts
to keep this law.

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Minister.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six dayes the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt do no murder.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law:

Minister.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

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Minister.

Thou shalt not steal.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbours wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

People.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Let us pray.

A Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite; have mercy upon the whole Church, and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant Charles our King and Governour, that he (knowing whose Minister he is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: And that we and all his subjects (duly considering whose authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey him, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the holy Ghost, liveth

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liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O Lord God, who hast wounded us for our sins, and consumed us for our transgressions by thy late heavy and dreadful visitation, and now in the midst of judgement remembering mercy, hast redeemed our souls from the jaws of death: We offer unto thy fatherly goodness ourselves, our souls and bodies, which thou hast delivered to be a living sacrifice unto thee, alwaies praising and magnifying thy mercies in the midst of thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE humbly acknowledge before thee, O most merciful Father, that all the punishments which are threatned in thy law, might justly have fallen upon us by reason of our manifold transgressions and hardness of heart: Yet seeing it hath pleased thee of thy tender mercy upon our weak and unworthy humiliation, to assuage the contagious sickness, wherewith we lately have been sore afflicted, and to restore the voice of joy and health into our dwellings; we offer unto thy divine Majesty the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, lauding and magnifying thy glorious Name for such thy preservation and providence over us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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For the Epistle, Isaiah 1. ver. 9. unto 21.
Except the Lord of Hosts, &c.

The Gospel, St. Luke 17. ver. 11. unto 19.
It came to pass as he went to Jerusalem, &c.

I Believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible :

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the onely begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made : who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate ; He suffered, and was buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead : whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection

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urrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¶ Then followeth the Sermon; and after that shall be said.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorifie your Father which is in heaven.

To do good and to distribute forget not, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christs Church militant here on earth.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully (to accept our alms and oblations, and) to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name, may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governours, and especially thy servant CHARLES our King, that under him we may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in Authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickednesse and vice, and to the maintenance of
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If there be no alms or oblations, then shall the words (of accepting our alms and oblations) be left out unsaid.

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thy true Religion and Vertue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duely administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this Congregation here present, that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name, for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christs sake, our onely Mediatour and Advocate. Amen.

¶ Then shall be added the Prayers following.

We will magnifie thee, O God our king, and will praise thy Name for ever and ever; because in the midst of wrath, remembering mercy, thou hast delivered our souls from death, and preserv'd us from the noisome Pestilence. It is not for our righteousness, O Lord, nor for the cleanness of our hands in thy sight, that when thousands better then our selves have fallen besides us, and
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ten thousand at our right hand, destruction has not come nigh us; but we yet remain alive, as it is this day. 'Tis thou, O Lord, who dost wound and heal again, killest and makest alive, bringest to Hell and back from thence. Thou hast vouchsafed above all humane aids and means, such is thy power and goodness, to command thy Angel to stay his hand, and spare us. We therefore offer up unto thee at once, the oblation of hearty thanksgiving for this our great deliverance, and of humble and earnest prayer for all those that are yet afflicted; beseeching thee for thy Son Jesus Christ his sake, to be gracious unto them and us; that both they and we in joint affection, may acknowledge the justice of thy Punishment, and record thine infinite mercy in sparing us miserable sinners: and this we do in the Name of thy Son and our Saviour, to whom with thee and the holy Ghost, be all praise & glory now and ever. Amen.

A Lmighty God, who in thy late dreadful visitation, hast covered with thy hand, thine anointed servant our gracious sovereign Lord King Charles, so that no evil has happened unto him: And also hast compassed with thy merciful protection, the Queen and the whole Royal Family, so that no Plague has come nigh their dwelling: We acknowledge with all thankfulness this thy distinguishing, conspicuous mercy, vouchsafed at once unto his Majesty and his Dominions: beseeching thee to continue still thy gracious goodness towards them; to the glory of thy Name,
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and the welfare and prosperity of thy Church;
and this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake.
Amen.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants, towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALmighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Sons Name; We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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